SIMON SHELBY HIGGENBOTHAM

Simon Shelby Higgenbotham, son of William Elliott Higgenbotham and Louisa Ward Higgenbotham, was born June 20, 1839, in Burks Garden, Tazewell County, Virginia.

The Higgenbotham family were devoted members of the Mormon Church. In 1846 they were driven from their home in Nauvoo by a mob. They returned to their old home

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in Burks Garden, where the father died. Mrs. Higgenbotham came West with three children, Simon, Elizabeth Letitia, and Frances David. They reached Utah in 1864. The family first resided in Provo. Simon came to Midway to teach school. He and his family were devoted friends of the Robeys and Springers in Midway.

The Higgenbothams later moved to Ogden, where Simon and Francis became very successful merchants. Elizabeth Letitia married David Harold Peery, a very prominent man of Utah.

Simon Higgenbotham died January 4, 1889, in Ogden, Utah.

